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RUSSIANS CANNOT STOP GERMAN DRIVE AND GRODNO IS IN DANGER

Last of the Czar's Big Fortifications Near the German Border Is Within Range of Powerful Guns-French Artillery Keeps Up Violent Bombardment of Trenches of Teutons, Doing Much Damage.

Berlin, Aug. 30, via London, 4:10 p. m.-German forces have made a further advance on the Russian fortress of cy today from Berne. The aviator, whose recent escape was said to have Grodno, the only one of their fortified positions near the German border which still remains in their possession. Official his promise not to try to get away. announcement was made here today of the capture of Lipsk, was received by the Swiss staff and informed that he was considered as in northern Russian Poland, about 20 miles to the west of an officer interned without having

ing compelled to surrender.

announces

The defeat by Field Marshal Von manian border. Mackensen's troops of Russian forces while retreating in the marshy districts east of Brest-Litovsk is re-

German trenches at several points damaged late on Sunday by the explosion of mines and the pounding of the French artillery, according to a 1500 ton vessel, presumably after under way. having been torpedoed by a German submarine, is reported from London.

Violent Artillery Fighting.

Paris, Aug. 30, 2:30 p. m.-Violent artillery fighting took place yesterday evening at many points in the Argonne district, as a result of which the trenches of the Germans were seriously damaged, according to the French official report this afternoon. The text of the communication fol-

Yesterday evening saw severe ar tillery fighting accompanied by the explosion of mines and engagements with bombs and hand grenades, at a large number of positions in the Argonne district. The trenches of the enemy were seriously damaged at Courtes Chaussees, Meurissons, and the clouds.

on the rest of the front.'

Berlin War Report Berlin Aug. 30, via London, 4:11 p. m .- The German war statement fol-

There are no special incidents to report from the western theatre of

stationed in the region surrounding the bridghead south of Friedrichstadt. n an engagement east of the Niemen, the army of General Von Eichhorn reached a point northeast of Olita. An additional 1600 prisoners and seven cannon were captured. In the direction of Grodno, the town of Lipsk, on the Bobr river, was taken by storm and the enemy forced to surrender. The Widra, a tributary of the Sukelka, was crossed by our troops. The ports, eastern border of the forest directly says.

several points. "Army group of Prince Leopoldi, in the upper Narew. German and Aus- ertheless the two powers are in comtro-Hungarian troops under General plete agreement." Von Woyrsch drove the enemy out of his position at Suchodol, on the east ern border of the forest, and at Szereszowo and are now closely pursuing gene Gilbert, the French aviator who

Army group of Field Marshal Von Mackensen, in order to render pos-Switzerland and gave himself up tosible the retreat of their rear guard night by orders of the French governdivisions through the marsh district, ment. the Russians made a stand once more after a raid on Friedrichshafen, an vesterday on a line in the Koddubno accident having happened to a motor district, south of Kobrin. They were of his aeroplane. defeated although they brought back and threw into the battle some divisions which previously had been falling back."

Massing Troops Near Rumania. London, Aug. 30, 11:44 a. m.-Reports from the eastern front, indicating that the Austrians and Germans are engaged in an effort to clear the last corner of Galicia, still held by their opponents, have excited great interest here. The Russian lines on the upper Bug and the Zlota Lipa have been pierced, but it is not yet clear how serious a resistance is being offered to the vast enveloping

movement from the south.

Grodno, last of the great fortresses | the river positions in the south in the in Poland held by the Russians, now face of an important movement, for seems to be the objective of a Ger-man drive. Berlin today reports the The opinion is ventured by some Engcapture by storm of the town of lish critics that this latest move may Lipsik, about twenty miles to the conclude for the present the great west of the fortress, the Russians be-offensive effort against the Russians which has been in progress since General Von Eichhorn has defeated May, and that, once Austrian soil is the Russians in a battle east of the cleared of the invaders, a new cam-Niemen, northeast of the fortress of paign may be undertaken by the Olita, recently taken by the Germans, Teutonic forces, this time in the near capturing 1600 prisoners and seven east. In support of this theory is cannon, the German official statement cited the report that the central powers are massing troops near the Ru-

The week-end witnessed violent which made a stand south of Kobrin and almost continuous activity on the part of the artillery of the allies all the way from the North Sea to the There are no indications, Vosges. however, that this expenditure of big in the Argonne region were seriously gun munitions is being followed by infantry attacks.

London is again awaiting official reports from the British or French authorities concerning the campaign today's official report from Paris. authorities concerning the campaign The sinking of the British steamer at the Dardanelles, where according Sir William Stephenson of Newcastle, to Constantinople, heavy fighting is

Steamer is Sunk.

London, Aug. 30, 1:50 p. m.-The British steamer Sir William Stephenson of Newcastle, 1514 tons gross, has been sunk.

Steamer Delayed.

London, Wednesday, Aug. 25.-The Norwegian steamer Salonica, from Galveston July 28, for Aalborg, Denmark, has been detained at Kirkwall by the British authorities.

Zeppelins Painted Gray.

Paris, Aug. 29, 5 p. m.-Germany's leet of Zeppelins have been repainted leaden gray, similar to the color of battleships, which renders them difficult to see even when flying beneath A telegram from Zurich published in the Milan Stampa, says "The advent of night brought rela- that during recent flights over Lake nstance, Zeppelin their new dress. The latest models resemble large fish. Both ends tahave lost to some extent the familiar elgar shape

Austrians Mass Troops.

Bucharest, Aug. 29.-Private news has been received that the Austrians "Eastern theatre: Army group of are massing troops on the Serbo-Rutroops of General Von Beseler are to raise difficulties in regard to the export of Rumanian cereals in the hope of imposing unendurable condi-The state will tions on Rumania. open large credits for the benefit of A German attempt to agriculture. A German attempt to smuggle dynamite through Rumania has been discovered.

Signing is Postponed.

Berlin, Aug. 29, by wireless to Sayville, N. Y .- "According to Sofia reports," the Overseas News Agency "Bulgaria has postponed for east of Bialystok has been reached at some days the signing of the treaty with Turkey, the quadruple entente having notified her that such action the Bielobiezh forest, fighting goes at the present time would be regardon for possession of the crossing over ed as a wilfully unfriendly act. Nev-

Is Ordered to Return.

Paris, Aug. 29, 11:25 p. m.-Eurecently escaped from Switzerland after being interned there, returned to Gilbert landed in Switzerland

Desires Joint Conference.

Budapest, Aug. 29.—Dispatches from Athens state that Premier Venielos will soon confer with Premier Pasitch of Serbia and later meet the Bulgarian minister at the Greep capi-It is understood that Venizelos is desirous of a joint conference of representatives of Bulgaria, Serbia and Greece at Lausanne

Diplomatic Agent.

Washington, Aug. 30.-Ambassador Morgenthau at Constantinople has aken over the diplomatic interests of Italy, Russia and Montenegro. These added responsibilities for the United shells but they arrived only recently Having lost Brest-Litovsk, Grand States, cabled to the state depart-Duke Nicholas cannot afford to hold ment today, make this government

diplomatic agent at the porte for HEADS UNCLE SAM'S NEUTRALITY BOARD Field Marshal Decorated.

eight European countries.

giving his word of honor.

Millerand today to present

French government concerning

It has developed that Gilbert, before

escaping, had written a letter to the

Swiss general staff withdrawing his

word of honor that he would make

was received several hours before the

attempt was made but was left un-

opened at army headquarters and the

general staff maintains that Gilbert

had not been released from his word

Greatest Obstacle to Produc-

duction Is Demand for

War Material.

New York, Aug. 30.-The shortage

of dyestuffs in this country, resulting

from the blockade on the exportation

of the German product, will be inves

tigated here this week by Thomas H

Norton, the commercial agent appoint-

ed by Dr. E E. Pratt, chief of the

bureau of foreign and domestic com-

here today with a staff of assistants

and a room in the customs house has

Leading manufacturers in lines af-

fected by the scarcity of dyestuffs

The investigators will have before

them a statement issued recently by

the Master Dyers association of Phil-

adelphia which describes conditions

said to be typical of the situation

delphia district is one of the largest

statement says that the American

manufacturers of colors who were es-

tablished before the war, are well

aware of what is required and are

making every effort to meet the sit-

in obtaining raw material owing to

the present demand for such products

for war and other purposes. Most of

the efforts of the domestic manufac-

turers, according to the statement, are

toward producing shades of black

which are used in largest quantities

The Philadelphia dyers declared in

a few weeks the shortage in colors of

Munitions Are Shipped in

Neutral Steamers.

Chicago, Aug. 30.-George M. Gets-

chow, secretary of Phillips, Getschow

& Co., is quoted in the Daily News

today as stating that he is a stock-

holder in a firm which is making

100,000 six-inch shells for the United

States army, and that the German

government, like the allies, is pur

American market.

ropean belligerents.

30 per cent profit added.

chasing munitions of war in the

"As to the American order, I am

not at liberty to disclose the name

of the firm, further than to state that

the contract is worth about \$640,000,

month after the war broke out this

firm ordered 150 lathes for making

This firm has no orders from the Eu-

"I have seen some of the German

fast as shipments are made, more of an attorney.

contracts," continued Mr. Getschow.

Mr. Getschow is quoted as saying. "

the shortage now existing in blacks.

Their greatest obstacles lie

been set apart for their use.

the department of commerce

throughout the country.

uation.

dyeing centers of the world.

Mr. Norton was expected

of Gilbert

aviator Gilbert."

no attempt to escape.

forces in Europe.



James Brown Scott.

James Brown Scott, former solicitor for the state department, secretary of the Carnegie endowment for international peace, editor of the American Journal of International Law, is the head of the neutrality board, which passes on questions involving the neutrality of the United States. Besides Mr. Scott, the other two members are Capt. James H. Oliver and Capt. H. S. Knapp, both of the navy general board.

money is deposited to the manufacturers' account. Most of the shipments to Germany are made in Norwegian and Danish steamers."

Conference Held on Russia Front Favorable to American Demands.

p. m.—It is understood today that from Europe since the war began.

Germany's course with regard to the To escape submarines, the Espag will testify. The results of the investigation will be embodied in a that it is in line with the recent control of that it is in line with the recent control of the recent cont ciliatory statement by Dr. von Bethmann-Hollweg, the German chancel-

> This development followed the return to Berlin of the chancellor, Admiral von Tirpitz and other partici- rological Institute, who had been in pants in the conference with the Gere eastern front.

egarding the German decision, but there seems ground for the belief that the government has adopted the viewpoint set forth by the chancellor.

various shades would be as scarce as Bandits Blow Up a Train and Kill the Passengers.

SHELLS ARE GOING Washington, Aug. 30 .- Official dispatches from Vera Cruz today tell of the receipt of mall reports there on the killing of E. F. Welles, an American, auditor of the Tobasco Plantation company. No details were given. American Manufacturer Says further than that Welles was killed by bandits, who blew up a train and shot the passengers, of whom Welles

The state department today knowledged receipt of General Zapata's acceptance of the Pan-American peace appeal. Favorable replies now have been received from practically all chiefs outside the Carranza for

Illinois Mob Attempts to Lynch Slayer of a White Woman.

Murphysboro, Ill., Aug. 30.—To prevent the carrying out of threats of lynching made against Joe Deberry. "That Germany is a buyer is common knowledge among manufacturers. The Germans have the whole thing figured a negro, charged with the murder of out in advance, specifying that the cost of manufacture will be so much, of the Illinois State militia stood the overhead expense so much, and guard about the fail and courthouse the price will be based on these with here today-the day set for the opening of Deberry's trial. "Taking an order from Germany for munitions is simply a matter of accepting the contract at a certain definite price, one-fourth of the value of the entire order being deposited in a the negro out of the fall and hurried bank for the checking account of the him here under escort of state troops. manufacturer, who has himself given Deberry is alleged to have confess-the bank guarantees of delivery. As ed to the murder of Mrs. Martin, wife

Great Increase in Registration Is Shown During the Past Year.

Washington, Aug. 30.-The American flag now floats over more ships in the foreign trade than at any other time since 1863, and the United States is pressing close on France and Norway as a marine nation.

Figures made public today by the department of commerce show a record increase in American shipping for the year ended June 30. date there were registered in the foreign trade 2.768 ships totalling 1.813. 775 gross tons, an, increase of 363 ships and 737,623 tons for the year. Practically all the increases are due to the new American registry Assistant Secretary Sweet of

the department of commerce, said in "This is about triple the increase in registered tonnage for any previous year in American history. Our registered tonnage is now much greater than at any time since 1863, when we had 2,026,114 gross tons in

foreign trade. It is many times more as the steam tonnage now amounts to 1,273,067 gross tons while in 1863 it amounted to only 133,215 "The increase from the ship registry act of August 18, 1914, to June 13, 1915, was so rapid that tonnage under the American flag now employ

ed in foreign trade is nearly equal to such tonnage under the French or Norwegian flags. British tonnage, of course, is more than ten-fold

Used as Means of Identification If Vessel Was Sunk by Submarine.

New York, Aug. 30.—Passengers ar riving today aboard the steamer Es pagne, from Bordeaux, wore identifiing, so that they might be identified in case German submarines should send their ship to the bottom while they were passing through the war zone. It was the first time that such tags had been worn by passen-Berlin, Aug. 30 .- Via London, 6:30 gers aboard a liner reaching here

To escape submarines, the Espagne of the Arabic had become known. The trip, however, was without special incident.

Among the passengers was Dr. C. Burns Craig, of the New York Neu-Parls ten months, studying the effect man emperor at his headquarters on of constant firing on the nerves of soldiers. Dr. Craig said that the No official statement has been made whine of rifle bullets was apparently not harmful to the nervous systems of the men in the trenches, as they soon became accustomed to it, but that the crashing of big guns had very serious effect as the sound shattered the nerves and made some men

Have Adjusted Their Differences.

their accustomed tasks today, their differences with employers hours and compensation having been adjusted. In nearly every instance the workers have entered upon the 8-hour schedule, without a reduction in wage. The largest delegation of returning employes was that of upwards of 800 girls at the Crown and the George C. Batchellor Corset companies.

At a meeting of employes of the Salts Textile company, where 1500 are out and the plant is closed, for two weeks, announcement was made today that work for 150 weavers and slashers can be obtained elsewhere. No one signified a willingness to leave the city. The strikers are confident of winning a shorter work day and changes in the shop system.

A conference will begin today to discuss the question of ordering general strike against the Remington Arms and Ammunition company, be-cause of alleged discrimination against workers in one trade and the discharge of four men who served n a shop committee.
While the conference will deal spe

ifically with the alleged grievances at the Remington plant, plans for the campaigns for an eight-hour day to be opened in New Haven this week, and later at Waterbury, and Hartford. lso will be considered.

The alleged grievances at the Remngton plant relate to the polishers who claim they were promised an advance in wages, but that when the eight-hour schedule was adopted their wages were decreased

The number of plants at which there are strikes today, number thirMYSTERY SURROUNDS BRITISH MAKE



Mystery surrounds the murder of Rev. Edmund Kayser, pastor of St. James' Evangelical Lutheran church at Gary, Ind., whose dead body was found in a vacant lot adjoining his home last Wednesday morning. feud had rent the congregation for months, and members of the faction opposed to the pastor had sent many letters to him, threatening to take his life. The theory first advanced that Kayser was murdered because of his pronounced pro-German views has been abandoned.

Now Taking Testimony Behind Closed Doors in Denver, Colorado.

tary court of inquiry appointed by Governor George A. Carlson to inves-August 21, shortly after the sinking tigate charges against Adjutant Gen- holding up of dyestuffs of German eral John Chase and other officers of the National Guard of Colorado, resumed taking of testime. closed doors today. The court consists of Major E. J. Boughton, Captain W. P. Hersey and Captain Henry

> It was stated that a partial report might be submitted to the governor before the close of the day, although there was little prospect that the court would complete its work by that

The appointment of the court of nouiry was the culmination of public and secret charges against the adjutant general and other officers of the militia, growing largely out of the military administration during the recent strike of coal miners. Publish-ed statements recently declared that tribution directly to the textile induscertain departments of the federal government were investigating the A detective agency also was said to be working on the case. Saturday night, a few hours after

its appointment by the governor, the court of inquiry seized a large num-Strikers at Bridgeport, Conn., ber of letters from the files of the detective agency's office. These letters, according to members of the court, indicated that the detective agency had been employed by the United Mine Workers of America to discourage enlistments in the Nationhundreds of factory workers, who had al Guard and for other secret purpobeen on strike recently, returned to ses connected with prosecutions grow of the United Mine Workers denied over that they had employed detectives to prevent militia enlistments.

nolds, secretary of the Republican National committee, pursuing his political "scouting tour," arrived in Chicago today and was entertained at the Hamilton Club. On Wednesday Mr. Reynolds will visit Milwaukee. His itinerary includes stops at Minneapolis, St. Paul and coast cities.

"I find that the country is anti-Democratic," said Mr. Reynolds. Roosevelt's attacks reflect the atti-tude of the Progressives. There is a real demand for the return of the Republicans to power.
"Will the Republican convention be

held in Chicago? I don't know. Chi- today on the steamer Persia from cago, San Francisco, St. Louis, Phila. Hong Kong, China, on his way delphia, Minneapolis and Cleveland are all expected to bid for it when the national committee takes up the sub-

Chicago Hog Markets, Chicago, Aug. 30.-Heaviest hog re ceipts reported anywhere in the coun-

try were recorded in this market to day and this, coupled with light shipto 10c under Saturday's average. Sellers ordered choice cattle and were a little backward about shipping Neb., and Council Bluffs, Ia., steady prices but a slow market.

Will Allow American Purchases From Germany to Reach Destination.

Washington, Aug. 30 .- Concessions in the enforcement against American commerce of the British order in council were announced today as a result of official negotiations just completed by the foreign trade advisers of the state department.

The British ambassador Cecil Spring-Rice assured the trade advisers that their informal representations in cases where the British orders have caused "undue hardship" to American commerce, will receive special consideration.

Information in the hands of the sate department that private brokers were securing permits in London for special shipments of American goods from Rotterdam, while the trade advisers were unable even to present special cases, was transmitted to Lon

The ambassador called at the state department personally to explain the extent of the British concessions, which are especially intended to meet the growing complaint of American importers that their Christmas trade is threatened by failure to obtain goods made in Germany and Austria. for which they had contracted.

Generally speaking, it is the intention of the British government to permit the passage through the blockade lines of goods for which the American importers have entered into contract with German and Austrian firms. Heretofore it has been required that the money shall have actually been paid for the goods. it will be sufficient to show that they were regularly contracted for and that the American importer is really the person responsible for them and title rests with him. Goods valued at many millions of dollars have accumulated at Rotterdam and await transportation to the United States. The order applies to these but whether it will extend to goods yet in Ger-man factories, but under contract for delivery on this side of the Atlantic, is yet undetermined

The success of private interests in London represented by special attorneys in securing the release of about \$600,000 worth of such goods now on the docks, is explained at the British embassy here as due to the fact that the local attorneys there were able to secure and present to the British au thorities the proof required as to the character of the goods and the condi tions of contract. Now it is planned to permit American importers to pre-Denver, Colo., Aug. 30.—The mill- sent proof at the British embassy here, which, it is believed will greatly

facilitate importations. manufacture intended for America is placed by the British authorities upon behind the German government and it is al-urt con-leged that a contrary impression has been sought to be created because of ill feeling against Great Britain. To set itself straight in this matter, the British embassy today issued the following statement:

"On April 14 a formal notice was British government issued by the that they would allow vessels carrying two shipments of dyestuffs, which were paid for by delivery in Germany of certain cotton cargoes, to pass without interference provided the vessels sailed under a neutral flag; that the shipments were made from Rot-terdam and the dyestuffs consigned

"This offer, which was refused by Germany, still holds good.

ARRANGE PEACE

Meeting to be Held for the Purpose of Ending War.

Washington, Aug. 30 .- Villa and Zapata agents here today said that a peace convention soon would be called in neutralized territory in Mexico, to set up a provisional government. Independent Mexicans, yet unaffiliated with any of the factions, would take part, they said, and it was possible that the Pan-American conferees would be asked to arrange the The delay in receiving General Carranza's reply to the Par-American peace appeal has raised hopes that influences are at work to induce him to participate. The Villa and Zapata adherents, however, an nounce their intention of proceeding without Carranza, if necessary,

CHINESE MINISTER TO MEXICO. San Francisco, Aug. 30.-Dr. Wel-

lington Koo, recently appointed Chlnese minister to Mexico, arrived here Washington, D. C., where he will remain for some time.

Dr. Koo is a graduate of Columbia university and, until his present appointment was made, was councillor n the foreign office in Peking.

Many Other Victims

Omaha, Neb., Aug. 30.-John Kline, or Barnhardt, under arrest at ping orders, lowered the market here St. Louis charged with extensive forgeries, is said to have victimized Fremont. prominent capitalists in them on the trade. The result was means of forged mortgages, a year or

Hermitage Coupon

Cut out this coupon and buy as many tickets as you want for 15 cents each to the Hermitage and back. They are good for any day in August, 1915, except Sundays. For sale only at The Standard Office. Get up your picnic parties this month.